

Germans Are Victorious in a Great Battle; Belgians Begin Retreat Toward Antwerp

ALLIES CAN'T HOLD GERMAN ARMIES BACK

Kaiser's Forces Push Ahead Across Meuse and Meet Body of Foes.

CHANGE IN STRATEGY

French Admit Belgians Are Used Up and Have Had to Retire to Antwerp.

Paris, Aug. 20.—An official communication from Brussels says: "The Germans gained ground on both banks of the river Meuse and are in contact with the armies of the allies. The enemy, finding the routes to the southward strongly held by French and Belgians, discovered an opening to the north. This may entirely change the strategy on both sides."

"The Belgians having held the invaders in check for 15 days, have done all that could be expected. Belgium's strategy will now be merged into the general plan of the allied armies. The retrograde movement does not mean defeat."

BELGIANS ARE RETIRING.

Paris, Aug. 20.—A portion of the Belgian army has begun to retire in the direction of Antwerp, according to an official announcement concerning the situation in Belgium.

East of Namur the Germans have attacked the line between Dinant and Neufchateau. Large German forces continue to cross the river Meuse between Liege and Namur. German outposts have occupied Dyle.

The retirement of the Belgians towards Antwerp is the result of these German movements.

French War Office Silent.

Paris, Aug. 20.—The communication given out by the French war office this morning was one of the briefest for some days. It announced only the bare fact of important developments being in progress in Belgium and added that there was nothing new along the front in Alsace-Lorraine.

Germans Gain Everywhere. London, Aug. 20.—The almost complete absence of news from the theatre of war today is the best evidence that a big event is in progress which will test the real caliber of the battalions engaged in a "New Waterloo," or a "New Sedan."

That the great German advance is being pushed with determination can safely be asserted. On both banks of the Meuse Germans are crowding southward towards the entrenched French army waiting to stem their progress toward Sedan and Paris. The invaders have already reached a line between Dinant and Neufchateau. The latter point is less than 25 miles from Sedan.

Northward the Germans have reached the river Dyle, between Brussels and Antwerp. The Germans have gained much ground in the direction of Brussels.

Slaughter at Aerschot. London, Aug. 20.—A dispatch to Reuters' agency from Ghent, Belgium, says: "Yesterday's fighting at Aerschot was extremely hot. The German infantry supported by machine guns and artillery opened a fierce attack. The Belgians were outnumbered but put up a desperate resistance. The troops on both sides fought like demons and the battle soon became a veritable butchery. Both sides were being heavily when the retreat was sounded."

Major Gibson, whose nose had been broken by a bullet, took charge of the Belgian rear guard which fought so stubbornly that only seven out of 283 men returned.

Today's War Summary

An entire change in the plan of campaign may be brought about by the finding of an opening to the north by the German army in Belgium. This is admitted in an official communication from Brussels which said: "The Germans have gained ground on both banks of the Meuse and are in contact with the allies."

Rumors that Brussels has fallen into German hands were persistently current in Paris, but no confirmation was obtainable. All approaching roads have been barricaded and entrenched.

Antwerp, apparently, is the temporary goal of the German troops in Belgium. They are reported to be moving slowly but steadily in the direction of the great fortified port on the river Scheldt.

German soldiers have occupied the town of Tirlemont and their masses pushing in from the frontier, are believed to have come in contact with the allied forces. A report from Brussels asserts the Germans lost 6,000 killed near Charleroi. This is not confirmed.

Reports are current in many European quarters that Germany has decided not to comply with Japan's ultimatum.

News of military developments issued by official bureaus becomes more brief as the great masses of Germans and Austrians approach the opposing forces of the Belgians, French and British.

Princes Eitel Frederick and August William, sons of Emperor William, are reported to have passed through Liege on the way to the front.

A corps of amazons is reported being raised in Berlin, according to a Chinese medical man who arrived at Rotterdam from Berlin.

French official advices announce the rapid progress of the French column invading Lorraine in the direction of Metz.

HEAD OF JESUITS REPORTED DEAD

Rome, (via Paris) Aug. 20.—A report is current that Francis Xavier Wernz, general of the Society of Jesus, died at midnight. It is impossible to officially confirm the report.

"Black pope" was the nickname used to indicate Wernz as a power behind the throne.

London, Aug. 20.—An Exchange Telegraph's Rome dispatch says Father Francis Xavier Wernz died this morning almost simultaneously with the pope.

HOKE SMITH WINS PLACE

Atlanta, Ga., Aug. 20.—Scattering returns indicate that Senator Hoke Smith has defeated former Governor Joseph M. Brown for the long term democratic nomination for United States senator in Georgia's statewide primary.

In the five-cornered race for the unexpired term of the late A. O. Bacon, Governor John M. Slaton and Congressman T. W. Hardwick apparently were leading, with no indications as to which was ahead.

Judge N. E. Harris and Dr. L. G. Hardman led in the contest for governor, with J. E. Anderson a close third, according to early returns.

WAR RISKS BILL IS REPORTED OUT

Washington, D. C., Aug. 20.—The administration bill for war risks was favorably reported to the house and senate after a brief hearing by the committee. Representative Underwood told the house committee: "This insurance plan will let us send wheat, corn and cotton to pay our balance abroad. The risk will be slight."

BRUSSELS IS IN THE HANDS OF GERMANS

Belgian Capital Reported Taken After Desperate Defense.

CITY HOSPITALS FULL

German Loss in One Part of Big Battle Line Is Said to 6,000 Dead.

London, Aug. 20.—The official bureau announced: "The Belgian field army, confronted by superior numbers, has fallen back. The Belgian troops have admirably performed their duty in delaying the hostile advance and enabling their allies to complete concentration."

London, Aug. 20.—The Star's Brussels dispatch says the German occupation of Brussels is imminent. The burgo-master of the Belgian capital has ordered the civic guards to disarm.

Paris, Aug. 20.—There is a persistent rumor here that the Germans have occupied Brussels but it cannot be confirmed.

Brussels, (via London) Aug. 20.—War evidently is drawing nearer this city. Already four hospitals are filled with wounded soldiers.

German aeroplanes have been scouting above the city after sundown. German cavalry is reported frequently on the farther side of the forest of Soignes, which flanks the city in the direction of Wavre where severe fighting has been reported.

Trustworthy reports have just been received of an engagement near Charleroi. It is claimed by the Belgians that 6,000 Germans were killed in this battle.

WOULD PREVENT LENDING TO BELLIGERENT POWER

Washington, Aug. 20.—Senator Hitchcock, a democratic member of the committee on foreign relations and the committee on military affairs, has introduced in the senate a bill to make it a violation of the neutrality laws and punishable as such for any person, firm or corporation within the jurisdiction of the United States to lend money to belligerent power or to buy or offer for sale or sell a belligerent's securities. Exception is made, of course, as to the securities of a nation fighting a country with which the United States is at war.

The fate of Mr. Hitchcock's bill is doubtful. There is nothing in the Hague conventions to make the loans his bill would forbid acts of hostility toward countries at war with the beneficiary power.

An objection to his measure that has been suggested is that it would merely put another brake on the already hampered American foreign trade.

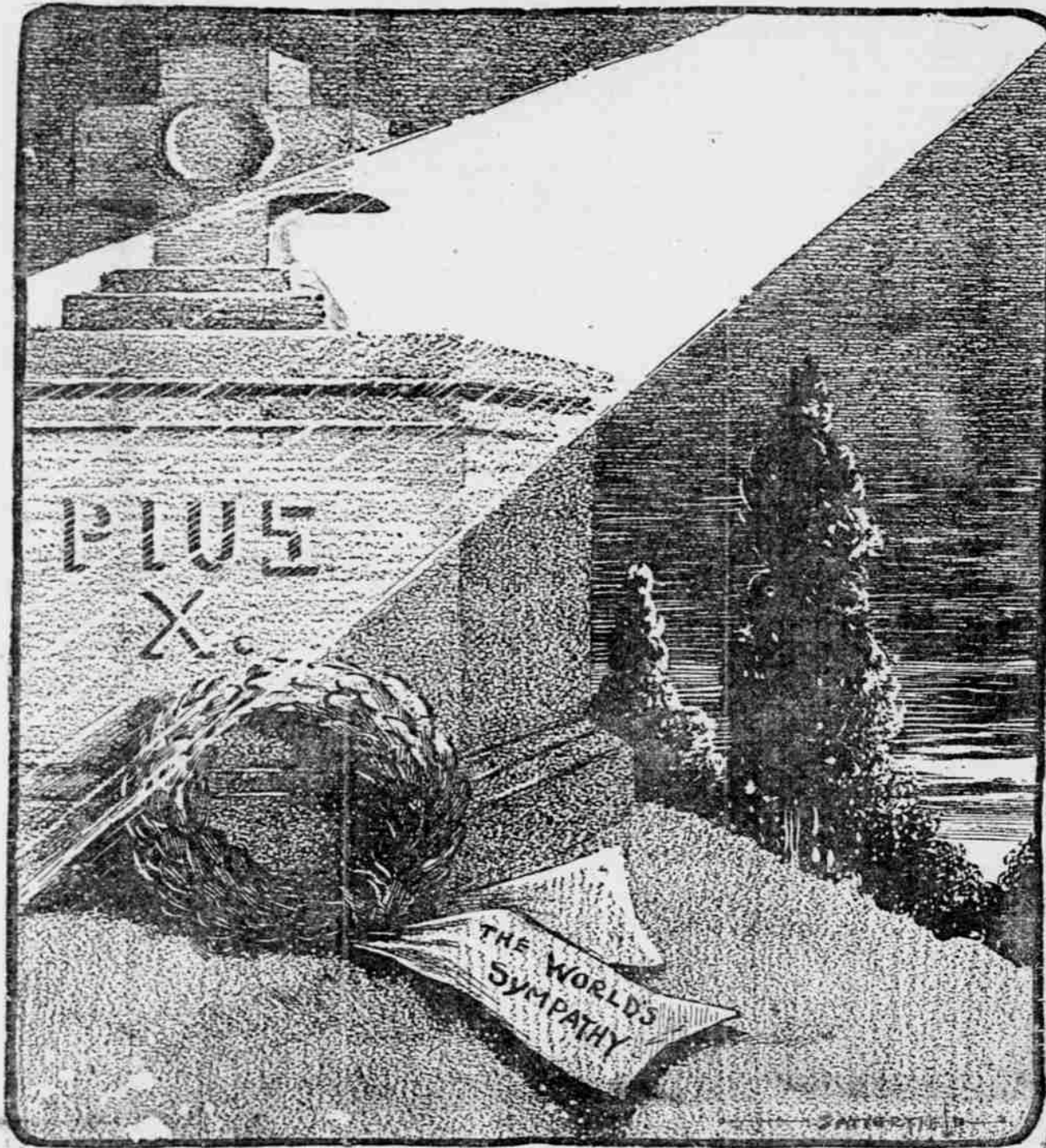
HUERTA DEAYED IN LONDON

London, Aug. 20.—Marooned in London because of the war and the consequent interruption to travel, Victoriano Huerta, former president of Mexico, and his family made a brief sightseeing tour about the city yesterday. Leaving his party into two automobiles, General Huerta instructed the driver to go to Trafalgar Square and Buckingham palace. He has taken apartments with his family in an obscure hotel, where they have rested quietly after the trip from Jamaica. To inquiries as to his health, Huerta said he was well, but tired out. He will remain in England until Aug. 24, when he will go to Santander, Spain.

Villa Makes Threat.

Nogales, Ariz., Aug. 20.—General Villa yesterday telegraphed Carranza military officials in Sonora that if the combined Jose Maria Maytorena, elected governor of the state, Villa would invade the state with his forces,

HIS LAST PLEA WAS FOR PEACE



LA SALLE BANK'S HEADS INDICTED

True Bills Said to Have Been Voted by Federal Grand Jury for Chicago Men.

Chicago, Ill., Aug. 20.—Indictments were voted by the federal grand jury yesterday, according to report current about the federal building, against officials of the defunct La Salle Street Trust and Savings bank.

It is variously rumored that the indictments were voted against two, three and four of the bank officers. It is declared certain that two of the men named in the indictments are: William Lorimer, former United States senator and president of the bank, and Charles B. Munday, vice president of the institution.

It is declared about the federal building that one of the other two men named in the indictments is J. P. Gallagher of the firm of Lorimer & Gallagher.

Investigation of the affairs of the bank, which when it closed took down in the crash a number of smaller and subsidiary banks, has been going on for months under the direction of Gardner Charles and Joseph B. Fleming, assistants to United States District Attorney James H. Wilkerson.

JONES PHILIPPINE BILL IS REPORTED FAVORABLY

Washington, D. C., Aug. 20.—The Jones bill for Philippine independence was favorably reported to the house by the committee today.

THE WEATHER

Forecast Till 7 P. M. Tomorrow, for Rock Island, Davenport, Moline and Vicinity.

Generally fair tonight and Friday; slightly cooler tonight. Highest temperature yesterday, 77; lowest tonight, 65; temperature at 7 a. m., 71. Temperature at 3 o'clock p. m., 86. Wind velocity at 7 a. m., 5 miles per hour.

Precipitation in the last 24 hours, 12 of an inch. Relative humidity at 7 p. m. yesterday, 91; at 7 a. m. today, 91. River stage at 7 a. m., 2.7 feet; no change in the last 24 hours.

J. M. SHERIER, Local Forecaster.

ASTRONOMICAL EVENTS.

Evening stars: Jupiter, Venus, Mars. Morning stars: Saturn, Mercury. Due east from the point overhead in the early evening, constellation Pegasus occupies alone the vast space between the Milky way and the horizon.

CONCLAVE TO SELECT POPE SEPTEMBER 3

Some Cardinals Advocate Meeting of Sacred College in Holland.

FEW MAY BE ABSENT

War May Make Impossible American Prelates' Attendance at Conclave.

Rome, Aug. 20.—The matter of the conclave of cardinals which is to elect the successor of Pius X., was discussed today. It is said a majority of the cardinals favor holding it at Rome as usual, because of the neutrality of Italy in the war. Others, however, suggested Holland, which they regarded more neutral than Italy.

It is expected the conclave for the election of the new pope will be held Sept. 3, to give time for the cardinals of several countries to arrive. Even so, it is doubtful if Cardinals Gibbons and O'Connell of the United States can reach here in time, owing to the partial suspension of steamship service.

New Rules for Conclave.

The Giornale D'Italia says the pope recently drew up new rules to govern future conclaves and that these abolished the right of veto of foreign powers, thus freeing the cardinals of temporal influences in spiritual matters. The new rules, the paper says, also modified some formalities concerning the duration of the conclave.

Cardinal Della Volpe, the chamberlain, who was absent from Rome, will return today and invite the members of the sacred college to decide upon the funeral ceremonies, which will occupy nine days.

Cardinal O'Connell Departs.

Boston, Mass., Aug. 20.—Cardinal O'Connell started for Rome today.

Wm. H. Warren Dead.

Chicago, Ill., Aug. 20.—William H. Warren, a former president of the Chicago board of trade, is dead.

FRANCE REPORTS GAINS IN ALSACE

Victories Include Recapture of Muelhausen Recently Recovered by Germans.

Paris, Aug. 20.—The war office made announcement today of continued successes of the French army invading Alsace. The reports claim that several towns have been taken, including Muelhausen, which was held for a short time by the French at the beginning of the campaign and was then recovered by the Germans.

The recapture of Muelhausen was preceded by a very severe battle during which the French took one of the suburbs at the point of the bayonet. They also took six German cannon and six ammunition wagons.

The situation in the Vosges mountains is unchanged.

BUILDING FALLS KILLING FORTY

Washington, D. C., Aug. 20.—Forty British and American workmen were killed today in the collapse of a new concrete customs house at Ceiba, Honduras, says a dispatch to the state department.

Roque Champ Is Beaten.

Norwich, Conn., Aug. 20.—The defeat of National Champion E. W. Robinson featured the morning play of the second day of the national roque tournament here yesterday. Harold Clark of Springfield was his opponent and Clark leads the first division players with four wins. Rev. Dr. R. C. Zartman of Philadelphia leads the second division players also with four straight wins.

600,000 Idle in Paris.

Paris, Aug. 20.—The prefecture of police at Paris has estimated that 600,000 persons are idle in the French capital owing to the war. Labor leaders are cooperating with a government commission to reopen opportunities for work.

RUSSIANS GAIN PRUSSIAN TOWN

St. Petersburg, Aug. 20.—An official communication says the Russians have occupied Gumbinnen, 20 miles from the Russian frontier in East Prussia, capturing 12 guns and a large number of prisoners.

POPE PIUS X DIES AT ROME EARLY TODAY

End Came at 1:20 O'clock This Morning After Rally of Yesterday Evening.

CARDINALS ARE CALLED

Merry del Val Summons Members of College Who Were Away From Vatican.

Rome, Aug. 20, 3 a. m.—Pope Pius X is dead.

Already suffering from bronchitis and a weak heart, the worry occasioned by the war involving all Europe brought on bronchial pneumonia, and he is a war victim as truly as if he had been struck down on the field of battle.

Death came shortly after 1 o'clock this morning (7 p. m. Rock Island time) after a night spent in fruitless effort by his physicians, who had kept him alive for many hours with oxygen and hypodermic heart stimulants.

Rally in the Evening.

His Holiness had lain unconscious most of the afternoon, but rallied in the evening, became conscious for a time, and gave the physicians hope that he might recover. But his strength was gone, he soon relapsed into coma and gradually grew weaker until the end. He died while sleeping peacefully.

Cardinal Merry del Val, who was called in, left after a few minutes and issued a summons for the cardinals who have left the city for their vacations.

Rome, Aug. 20.—"Together in one, all things in Christ."

These words which Pope Pius X. adopted as his motto in an encyclical issued Aug. 10, 1903, six days after he was elevated to the pontificate, were on his lips as he entered the valley of death. The end, which came at 1:20 this morning, was peaceful. A few moments before he had been roused from a state of semi-consciousness and he attempted to bestow a blessing upon those gathered in the chamber but strength failed him. After a pause he murmured the scriptural text and did not speak again.

Was 80 Years Old.

The death of the pontiff came in the eighty-first year of his life and twelfth year of his pontificate and, while long anticipated because of ailments incident to advanced age, nevertheless came as a shock even to those near him. For several days he had been suffering from gouty catarrh but on Tuesday his physicians declared the trouble of no great importance and yesterday reassuring reports concerning the patient were current.

The change came suddenly during the forenoon yesterday and early in the afternoon those in attendance announced that death was imminent. Similar attacks had been resisted with the aid of the pope's will power, but the depression over the clash of arms in Europe militated against another recovery.

The Closing Scene.

At 10 o'clock last night the pontiff experienced an attack of coughing which greatly distressed him. He couldn't move in bed without assistance and the struggle he made to breathe was painful to witness. As the supreme moment approached the coughing ceased and the restlessness disappeared. The features of the patient, which had given evidence of pain, resumed a normal expression except for the pallor, which increased. His two sisters and the pope's secretaries could not restrain their sobs and their voices seemed to bring back the pontiff from the state of coma into which he had lapsed. His eyes opened, his lips moved and it was plain he was making an effort to impart a final blessing. For a moment it seemed that dissolution had taken place. Then his lips moved again. "Together in one, all things in Christ," he whispered. Dr. Marchisafava bent over the bed, listening for the beating of the heart that was stilled.

"It is all over," he said.

Burial Place a Problem. Much interest is shown in the matter as to where the body will find its final resting place. It is recalled that the carrying of the body of Pius IX. from St. Peter's to St. Lawrence's caused a riot. For this reason the body of Pope Leo, although he expressed a wish to be buried in St. John Lat-

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